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## Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, which is enclosed with this letter, I am submitting the items required by the notice.

I enclose a copy of the application with the claims commencing on a separate sheet as required and I am resubmitting the drawings with the appropriate margins.

In addition, I am resubmitting Figure 5 with appropriately marked subfigures 5A and 5B.

I am also enclosing a fee of \$130 fee for processing. If this fee is not required, I would kindly ask that it be refunded or the check returned.

Sincerely,

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Application Number	09/733,775					
Filing Date	12/08/2000					
First Named Inventor	HANS A. MISCHE					
Examiner Name						
Group Art Unit						
Attorney Docket No.						

METHOD OF PAYMENT	FEE CALCULATION (continued)							
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge		3. ADDITIONAL FEES						
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Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17		30 1	39	130	Non-English specification			
Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27				.520	•			
2. Payment Enclosed:				920*	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination Requesting publication of SIR prior to			
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FEE CALCULATION		40°	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action			
1. BASIC FILING FEE	115 11	10 2	15	55	Extension for reply within first month	<del></del>		
Large Entity Small Entity	116 39			195	Extension for reply within second month			
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101 710 201 355 Utility filing fee	118 1,3	90 2	18 (	5 <b>9</b> 5	Extension for reply within fourth month	<del></del>		
106 320 206 160 Design filing fee	128 1,89	90 2	28 9	45	Extension for reply within fifth month	<u> </u>		
107 490 207 245 Plant filing fee	119 31	10 2	19	155	Notice of Appeal			
108 710 208 355 Reissue filing fee	120 31	10 2	20	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal			
114 150 214 75 Provisional filing fee	121 27	70 2	21 1	135	Request for oral hearing			
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)			38 1		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	<b></b>		
		10 2	40	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable			
2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES		40 2		520	Petition to revive - unintentional			
Extra Claims below Fee Paid	142 1,24		42 (		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	<u> </u>		
Total Claims	143 44		43 2		Design issue fee Plant issue fee	<b></b>		
Claims	144 60 122 13		44 3 22 1	-	Petitions to the Commissioner	130		
			23	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)			
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103 18 203 9 Claims in excess of 20	581 4	40 5	81	40	property (times number of properties)			
102 80 202 40 Independent claims in excess of 3	146 71	10 2	46	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))			
104 270 204 135 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid 109 80 209 40 ** Reissue independent claims	149 71	10 2	49	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))			
over original patent	179 71	10 2	79	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			
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SUBMITTED BY	SUBMITTED BY Complete (if applicable)								
Name (PrintiType)	HANS A. MISCHE	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	Telephone	320 260 0121					
Signature	Dan Co Minia		Date	3/29/2001					

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APPLICATION NUMBER

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**CONFIRMATION NO. 2947** 

**FORMALITIES LETTER** 

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Date Mailed: 01/30/2001

## NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

## Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- The Claim(s) commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.75(h)).
- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

The following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

- Figure(s) 5A, 5B described in the specification.
- I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(i))) with evidence of such deposit must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if is determined that the item(s) was received by the PTO.
- II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the PTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)) requesting the later filing date must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice.

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III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the PTO. **THIS <u>TWO MONTH</u> PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b)**. In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the PTO, and original application papers (i.e., the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the PTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabelled drawing figures, is required. Any drawing changes should be accompanied by a copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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